IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DAVID R. HEMBREE WARREN M. FARNWORTH SALMAN AKRAM ALAN G. WOOD C. PATRICK DOHERTY ANDREW J. KRIVY

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Examiner: KARLSEN, E.

METHOD FOR TESTING For:

SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

Attorney Docket No. 96-750.3

RESPONSE February 28, 2003

Commissioner of Patents **BOX AMENDMENT (NON FEE)** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 having a statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2003.

REMARKS

With respect to the species election requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects species 5, with traverse. Claims 77-82 read on the elected species.

The reason for the traverse is that Examiner has merely taken each set of claims and deemed it a separate species. However, with regard to election of species MPEP §814 states as follows:

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